



U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers

Baltimore District
PN-07-30

Public Notice

In Reply to Application Number
NAB-2007-1215-P05 (US Gypsum
Ancillary Improvements)

Comment Period: May 10, 2007 to June 10, 2007

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) as described below:

APPLICANT: US Gypsum Company
c/o McTish, Kunkel & Associates
1050 Broad Street, Suite 2
Montoursville, PA 17754

LOCATION: The US Gypsum Plant is located in Washingtonville in Montour County, and the rail spur and the sewer line impact will occur in and adjacent to unnamed tributary to Mud Creek. The 17-mile-long natural gas pipeline is in a 75-foot-wide corridor in both Lycoming and Montour Counties and will impact wetlands and streams including Sugar Run, Derr Run, Jakes Run, Little Muncy Creek, Laurel Run, the West Branch of Chillisquaque Creek and the Middle Branch of Chillisquaque Creek.

WORK: The applicant proposes to construct ancillary improvements needed for the future US Gypsum Plant. The Plant, proposed entirely in uplands, will beneficially use gypsum byproduct from the PPL scrubbers to make wall board. The project will permanently impact 1.74 acres of non-tidal wetlands; and temporarily impact 2.47 acres of wetland and 23,293 square feet of streams. The work includes the construction of a proposed rail line to connect the US Gypsum facility to the existing Norfolk Southern rail lines directly impacting 0.11 acre of scrub shrub wetland, 0.78 acres of emergent wetlands, 3,568 square feet of stream, and 0.85 acres of forested wetland fragmenting a larger forested wetland of approximately 10.48 acres. The work also includes the installation of a natural gas pipeline temporarily impacting 2.43 acres of wetlands and 19,725 square feet of streams; and the installation of a sanitary sewer line temporarily impacting 0.04 acres of emergent wetlands. The applicant has proposed to create 6.45 acres of wetlands in an existing agricultural field and to put another 4.96 acres of the agriculture field in a deed restriction. The purpose of the proposed project is to construct improvements needed for the operation of the US Gypsum Plant in Washingtonville, Montour County, Pennsylvania.

All work will be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mrs. Marion Gall at (814) 235-1761.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonable may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may

be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economic, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, State College Field Office, 1631 South Atherton Street, Suite 102, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, with the comment period specified above.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the issuance of a Section 105 permit or through direct application to the Regional Office in the area of the proposed project. The Section 404 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year in which to make its decision.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

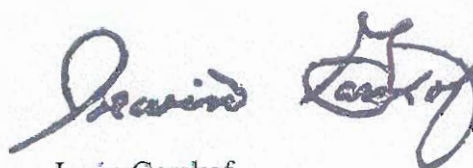
A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect Federal listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion, therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the request permit.

The evaluation of the impact of this project on the public interest will include applications of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, State College Field office, 1631 South Atherton Street, Suite 102, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Also it must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

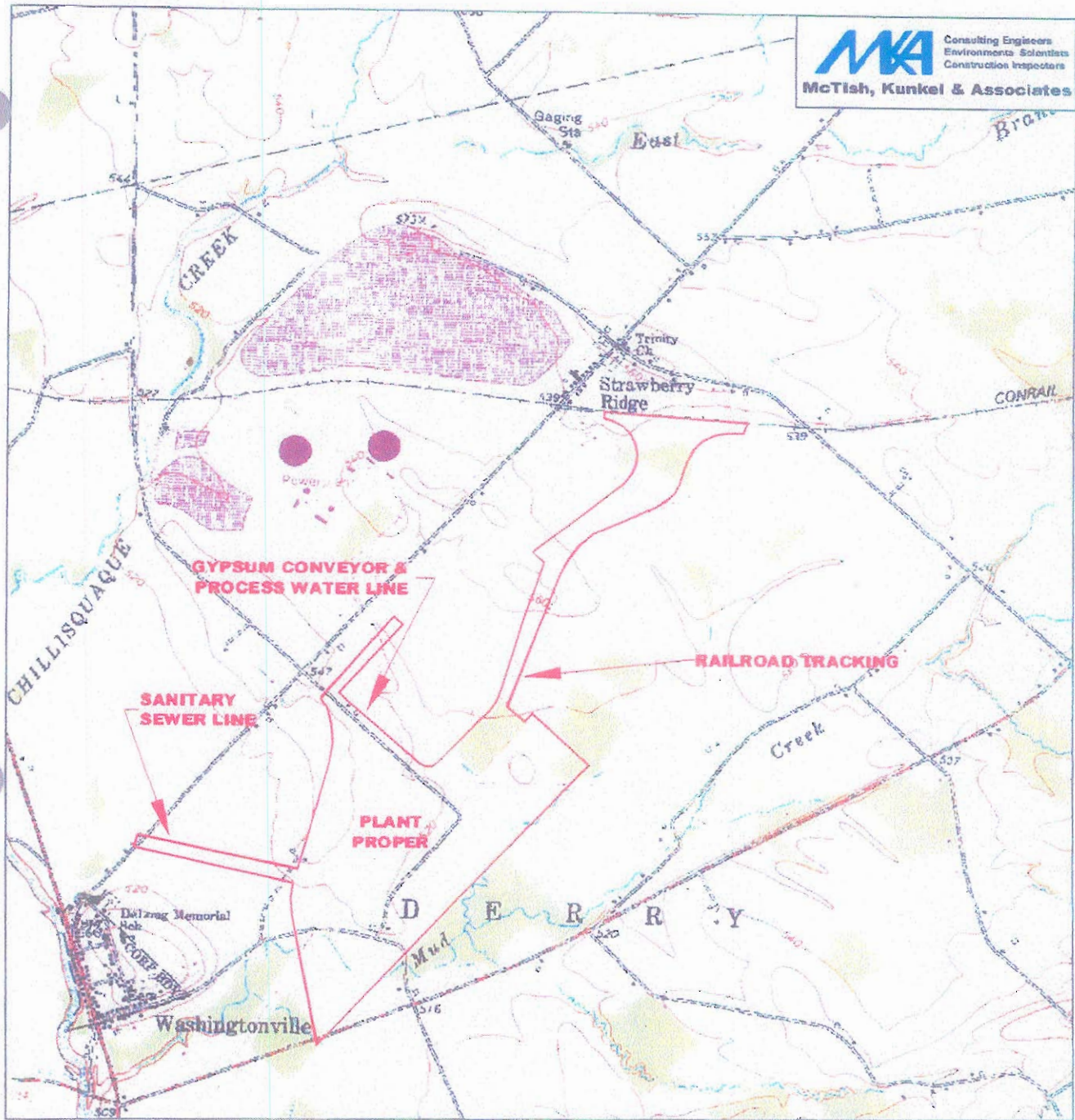
It is requested that you communicate this information concerning the proposed work to any persons know by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER



Irwin Garskof
Chief, Pennsylvania Section

Enclosures



MA Consulting Engineers
 Environmental Scientists
 Construction Inspectors
McTish, Kunkel & Associates

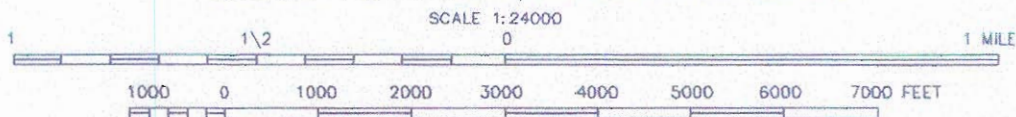
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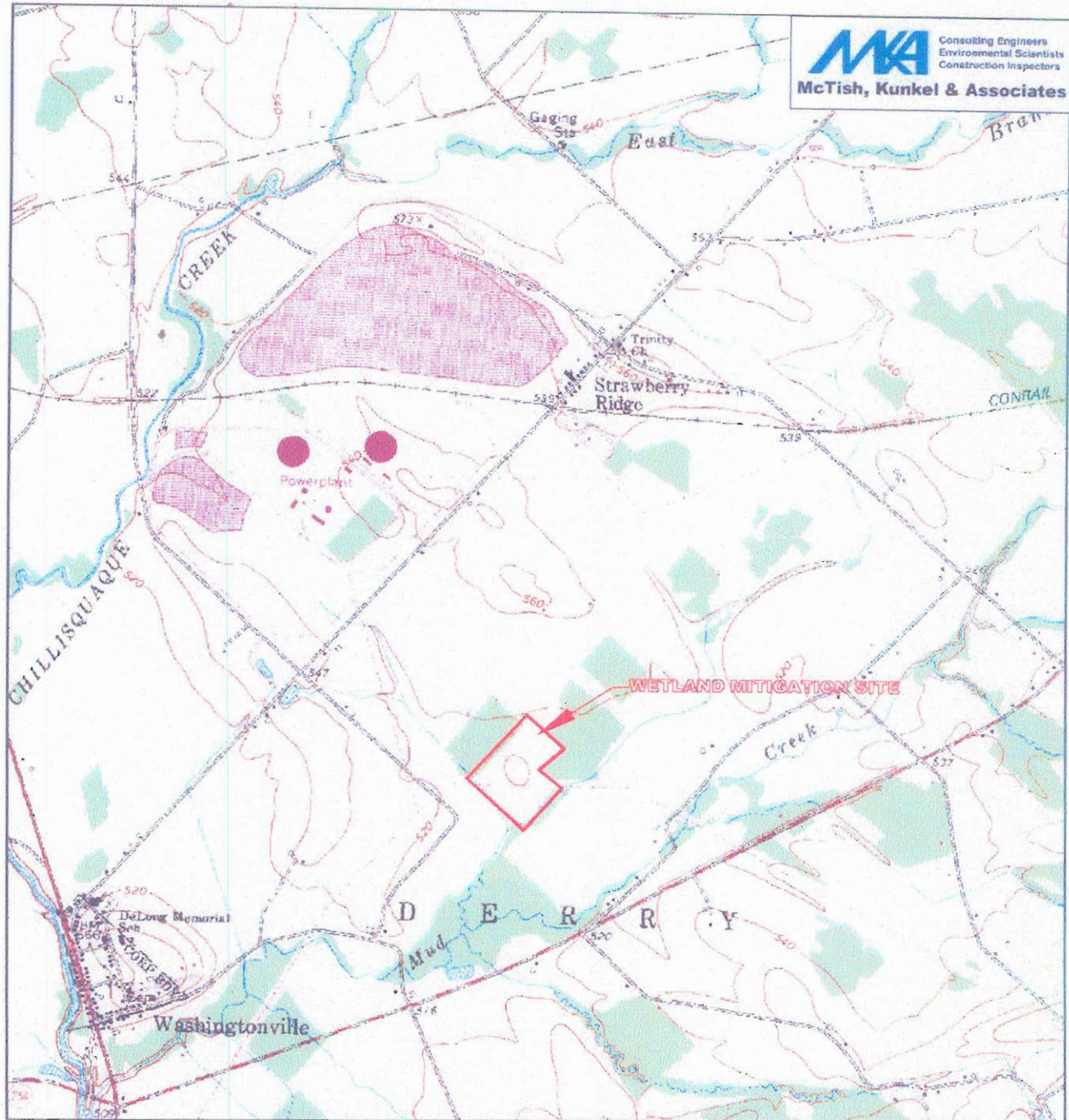
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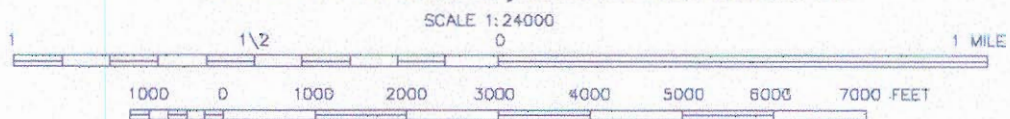


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